

# Ruby's portrait is a *polished gem*

Our eighth *Scottish Schools Art Exhibition* was held from 26 February to 15 March. A record number of schools took part, with 34 artworks from 17 schools on display in the Drawing Room. Many schools sent representatives down to view the work in situ and our concurrently running digital showcase featuring supplementary works from the schools made sure the abundant talent was appreciated by an even wider audience.



The unenviable task of choosing the winners fell this year to celebrated Scottish landscape artist, Frances Macdonald (left). She was mightily impressed by the overall calibre of entries and the artistry and technical accomplishment on display. After some difficult deliberations, Frances was finally able to pick her favourites from the list of participants below:

## PARTICIPANTS

Dollar Academy, George Heriot's School, George Watson's College, Glenalmond College, Gordonstoun, The High School of Glasgow, Hutcheson's Grammar, Kilgraston School, Lomond School, Loretto, Morrison's Academy, Robert Gordon's College, St George's Edinburgh, Stewart's Melville College, Strathallan School, Wellington School.

### 1st place:

**RUBY MITCHAM**, Gordonstoun  
*Warrior Without Armour (Paul)*

"An exceptional portrayal of Paul, battle worn and weary but determined."

### 2nd place:

**ANNA SEYBOLD**, Glenalmond College  
*Corrosion*

"Living in Argyll there are many roofs like this but not always so cleverly painted. Strong, great colour & texture – an excellent use of the medium."

### 3rd Place:

**JESSICA LIDDIARD**, Robert Gordon's College  
*Playing Against Yourself*

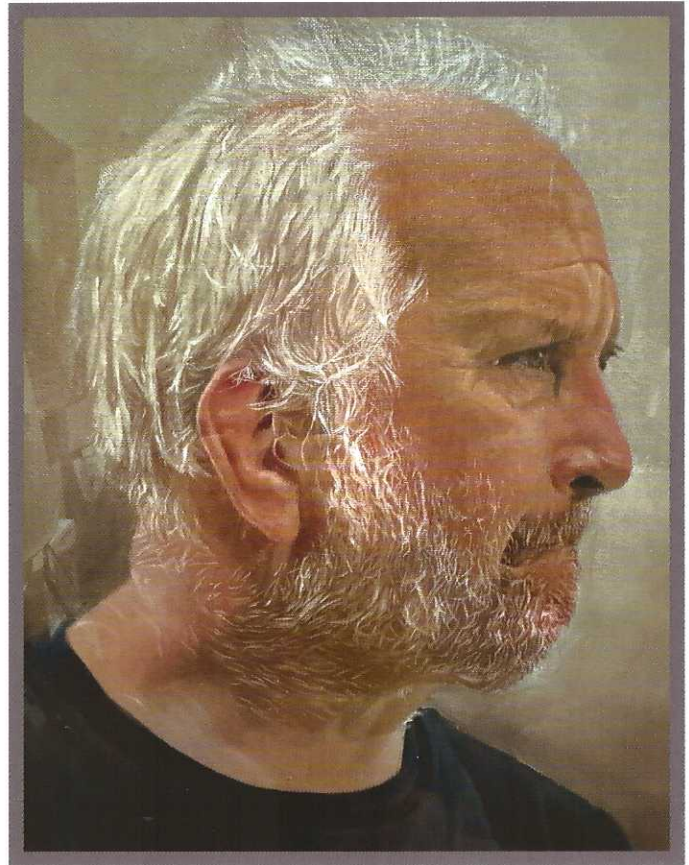
"This was a mystical presentation, cleverly done. A challenging subject successfully resolved, leaving plenty to the imagination."

## PRIZES

The prize for the winners was an inscribed quaich and all finalists received a voucher to spend on art material. As always, our grateful thanks to the participating pupils and teachers for supporting the exhibition, to Frances Macdonald for her time in judging the artwork and to our Head of Marketing, Jonathan Broad for co-ordinating the exhibition.

## MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD

Members and visitors to the exhibition were allowed to vote for their favourite pieces too and as was the case last year, they agreed with our guest judge and awarded first place to Ruby Mitcham's *Warrior Without Armour*. Worthy runners-up also deserving a mention were Jessica McKee *The Reader* and Alice Hargrave *The Potting Shed*, both from Morrison's Academy.



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*Warrior without Armour (Paul)*  
by Ruby Mitcham,  
Gordonstoun



2nd place:  
*Corrosion*  
by Anna Seybold,  
Glenalmond College



### 3rd Place:

*Playing Against Yourself*  
by Jessica Liddiard,  
Robert Gordon's College